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Sample survey shows declining awareness of road signs amongst two wheeler riders, auto rickshaw drivers and youngsters

SIGN OF THE TIMES

Participants had to guess what signs represented

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Not many auto rickshaw drivers and two-wheeler riders know much about road signs, according to the findings of a sample survey on road signs conducted by the Namma Bengaluru Foundation in association with college students.

A total of 189 people, including auto rickshaw drivers, two-wheeler riders, heavy motor vehicle drivers and traffic police took part in the survey.

Among the two-wheeler riders and auto rickshaw drivers surveyed, only 20% of auto rickshaw drivers and two-wheeler riders had knowledge of the road signs.

It seems the RTO (Regional Transport Office) authorities have to be stricter while issuing driving licences now to two-wheeler riders and auto rickshaw drivers because the survey found that older drivers had better knowledge of traffic signs than the younger ones.

A team of 20 students from different colleges went around Brigade Road, MG Road and Residency Road to assess

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“That older drivers know more about road signs than newer ones shows how the quality of our driver licencing process has deteriorated over the years. — Sathya Sankaran, Council for Active Mobility, Bicycle Mayor

Sleeping Beauty

How binaural music is helping individuals destress and find a good night’s rest

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After a tiring day, a good night’s sleep is a must. However, stress does affect sound sleep. Many individuals are now listening to binaural music to ensure a good night’s rest.

Binaural music is an audio illusion where two sound waves having different frequencies are merged into a perceived new frequency. It makes the listener feel they are watching a live performance where sound is coming from different directions.

“Binaural music is like therapy for me. I get worked up after my office shift and it becomes very difficult to calm myself and fall asleep. So I listen to binaural music which helps me relax and fall asleep,” said Soundarya S, a Bengaluru-based IT professional.

Amisha Pratap, a photographer, residing in Bengaluru said, “Initially I was suffering from insomnia. I started music therapy on a trial basis. It helped me immensely to cure my sleep issues. I listen to binaural music every night.”

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Love in spirituality

RS Connect in collaboration with Kabir Project is back with yet another exciting presentation: Prem Kataari, The Dagger of Love. This is an hour-long presentation, where we will reflect on the risks of love – agony and ecstasy, erotic and spiritual, earthly and transcendental. This is the fourth session in the collaboration, a series of presentations called 'Thinking with Kabir and Other Mystics' where spiritual songs of saint-poets like Kabir, Bulleh Shah, Meerabai, and Shah Latif from the folk oral traditions of India will be explored. **Where: Ranga Shankara**
When: June 5, 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm; Entry: Free

02 Laugh out loud

Indian Institute of Cartoonists is organising an exhibition of cartoons and exclusive sketches of Bengaluru places drawn by noted cartoonist Mr EP Unny. In this exhibition along with his punch packed cartoons, his exclusive sketches of Bengaluru will be displayed at the cartoon gallery. He will also have an interactive session with the public.
Where: Indian Institute of Cartoonists, M G Road
When: June 4 onwards, 10am – 6pm (Sundays closed)

03 Cinema of Excess, live

Cinema of Excess, an acoustic trio made up of singer-songwriter Anirudh Ravi, guitar player Bharat Kashyap, with Abheet Anand on bass, is all set to perform live. Their sound is influenced by artistes such as Iron and Wine, The Milk Carton Kids, John Mayer and Jack Johnson, and with Anirudh's impeccable writing style and vocal delivery, the band has carved a niche of their own over the years. Besides being a tasteful blend of rhythm, melody, and poetry brought together with acoustic fingerstyle wizardry and warm basslines, their music beams one up to a different world. **Where: Windmills Craftworks, Whitefield**
When: June 3 & 4, 9:30 pm onwards
Entry: Rs 500 onwards, 8880233322

Until their demands are met

More than 500 government teachers across Karnataka held a protest at Freedom Park on Thursday demanding the government transfer teachers back to their native place.

PIC: KAUSHIK JN

E-learning's a bane for intellectually disabled

... As their social skills are severely affected and employment training is much more difficult, say coaching centres in Bengaluru

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Centres in Bengaluru training individuals with learning disabilities for employment are in a fix. While these people have a myriad number of courses that helps them hone their skills and turn them into assets, centres say the pandemic has led to many not attending physical training due to online sessions being the new norm.

"We reopened a week back after conducting online sessions for autistic individuals above 18 years of age. However, more than 50 per cent of the students are not turning up. We were online for the last two years, and parents and students got familiar with online sessions," said Sarbani Mallick of Pragati, a life skill training centre for individuals with autism and other learning disabilities.

Centres say offline training is important for their social interaction and in-person speech therapy to ensure a good livelihood opportunity.

Many are also opting for computer-related courses as they don't want to attend offline classes. However, experts fear that online sessions will train them only on the systems.

The job environment can be completely different, which might require different kinds of social and emotional skills which cannot be developed online, a fact that training centres have realised during these past two years, confirming that online sessions with these individuals will not go a long way.

PICTURE FOR REPRESENTATION ONLY

For people with special needs, a physical environment is key to building interpersonal and emotional skills

"They need to be in a social setting or in a physical environment. We have placed some students for full-time contract employment with various MNCs in the past. However, we had worked with them for four to five years in offline mode so it was easier for us to work on their skills online.

"But we have not seen the fresh batches in offline mode so far. It will be difficult to bring about such a change in them if they refuse to attend physical sessions," said a representative of a life skill training centre for such individuals.

According to Swathi Vellal, founder and director, Ishanya India Foundation, lack of transport is turning out to be a deal-breaker post-covid-19. A lot of mothers, who were taking care of these individuals, now want to go back to work. Moreover, many are also overprotective and are worried about the next covid-19 wave.

However, arranging transport for those with autism and intellectual disability required a multitude of safety protocols to be followed.

"For them to move to and fro, people involved in the process need to be sensitised for various safety reasons. Moreover, we work with a very small number, and they come from various parts of the city.

"We are struggling to keep these individuals in the vocational training classes due to this constraint. While parents used to drop off and pick up after the classes earlier, they are looking for transport from our side now," said Vellal.

Bengaluru, reimagined

In its bid to advocate for a more sustainable Bengaluru, a three-day event called Future City Bengaluru Festival is being organised by a city-based advocacy organisation starting June 2.

"The event will help citizens, decision-makers, nonprofits and corporations to envision a city that we are calling 'Future City Bengaluru'," said Avijit Michael of Jhatkaa.org.

The centerpiece of the event will be an augmented virtual reality display that will allow users to be transported to a future city. When a user will stand in front of the installed digital display, they will be able to visualise themselves in a reimagined Bengaluru.

From plying more electric buses on Bengaluru roads to improvising the non-motorised transport infrastructure and rooftop solar panels, the festival at Bangalore Creative Circus will generate a vision for a smart and sustainable Bengaluru of the future.

"While BMTC has already started the EV buses on a pilot basis, it has to be scaled up and should be a continuous effort. Moreover, by BMTC's standards, they need to scrap some of the older and diesel-operated buses," added Michael. **– BMB**

The 3-day event aims at envisioning a futuristic city

CYCLE ON

Cycle to work sure works

Just take a look at the filled-up cycle parking lots at MNCs

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A cycle parking space at a tech park in the city completely housefull

When Bengaluru wants to cycle, can the city's elevation, badly maintained cycle tracks and poorly designed roads prove to be deterrents? No way. Now, more than ever Bengalureans are cycling to work. Recently, the image of a parking lot at a tech park filled with cycles took the social media by surprise.

Karthik Ranganathan (Test Engineer and Cycling Ambassador) told Bangalore Mirror, "Close to 100 of the employees ride cycles to office daily. During our annual cycle to work day, which we celebrated last week, we had over 250 cyclists. We have cycle parking space and also provided showers to encourage cycling. We also have facilities like dedicated lockers for cyclists. Pre pandemic, different business groups within the company would promote cycling to work."

Bengaluru Bicycle Mayor Sathya Sankaran said that there was a conducive environment in the companies to encourage cycling. "It is now recognised as a part of their Environmental, Social and Governance goals and moves towards being more sustainable. I was happy to see the cycles packed in the shelter the last time I was there for a cycle to work talk."

Many professionals in companies are taking up the cause cycling with the leadership teams. Arvind Dwarakanath, one such professional, said, "I had to impress upon the compant's leadership to take up sustainable commuting. For five months, we had talks with the HR head and head of government affairs. Later, talks were held with the CSR head and then we got support from HR and other leaders. Finally, two cycle stands were set up to support 50 cycles. A formal event was held with global leaders of the company promoting cycling."

> **Close to 100 of the employees ride cycles to office daily. We have parking space and also have showers for cyclists**
> –Karthik Ranganathan, cyclist

Shilpi Sahu, a techie and a regular cyclist to work on Outer Ring Road for many years, said that the need of the hour is to restore the cycle lanes to encourage and safeguard people cycling on dedicated tracks. She said that many companies were now stepping up their initiatives. "A few companies are also installing anti-skid surfaces at cow traps for cycles. Many employees can now claim cycle parts or equipment cost as part of flexible benefits that can be claimed yearly. These things go a long way in promoting cycling in Bengaluru's corporate life," Sahu said.

On the benefits of cycling, Sankaran quoted a recent source apportionment study released by Karnataka State Pollution Control Board that motorised transport is the cause of more than half the emissions in Bengaluru. "On the car free day of September 22, 2018, the CycleToWork platform was launched to aggregate bicycle rides and has a company level leaderboard to gamify the experience. CycleToWork is a first of its kind social platform in the country for bicycling created by Urban Morph in collaboration with Mapunity. The leaderboard has employees from more than 380 companies cycling to work and has tracked savings of more than 200 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions from 53 cities across the world so far. It has produced data for government decision makers to target bicycle infrastructure interventions in Bengaluru like the creation of the 17km pop-up bicycle lanes on the Outer Ring Road and increasing the allocation of cycle tracks from 175 km to 600 km in the 2020 Comprehensive Mobility plan."

FOR A FACT

- Studies have suggested that people who ride a bike are actually exposed to fewer dangerous fumes than those who drive cars
- There IS such a thing as a cycling high -- Cycling pumps blood around your body at a greater rate which allows for spread of endorphins and feel-good substances such as dopamine, norepinephrine and serotonin

This June 3 on World Bicycle Day, the CycleToWork platform is being relaunched with new and improved features. "The app has been optimised for faster browsing, easier signup, better user experience and a refreshed look and feel," he added.

First slow street set to be unveiled today

The city's first set of slow streets being unveiled by the Council for Active Mobility and the Bengaluru Smart City. On Friday, cyclists will cycle on the slow streets from Commercial Street to mark World Bicycle Day.

Bicycle Mayor Sathya Sankaran said, "Slow streets are local streets where the motor vehicle traffic is slowed down so cyclists and pedestrians can feel safer. We will be working with government agencies to pilot these at many places across the city in the coming year. This inaugural ride is the launch of the campaign from CFAM. Commercial Street is going slow with signages. The ride will go on the cycle tracks in the CBD past Raj Bhavan till Chalukya junction and back to Commercial Street along Cubbon road."

Preparation for slow streets began well in advance with volunteers mapping the streets in neighbourhood areas. These slow streets are being mapped to the nearest schools or public parks so that people can take this path for their daily exercise or chores. In the next phase, sign boards will be displayed along with other interventions to make the pedestrians/cyclists feel safe. Another advantage is that as the cycle lanes are mainly on the main roads, so alternative cycle lanes can be created on the sub roads. Slow Streets is also endorsed in the draft Active Mobility bill prepared by Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT), a first in the country, to be placed before the Karnataka Cabinet.

A cycle city

Minister for Youth Services and Sports KC Narayana Gowda said, "We are planning to make Bengaluru a cycle-friendly city. We will create awareness on how pedalling can keep one healthy. A cycle rally will be flagged off from Vidhana Soudha in the City as well on Friday."

— **Sridhar Vivan**

More cycle stations at Cubbon Park? All in favour

Visitors want more cycle renting stations to be set up at sprawling park

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The existing cycle station at Cubbon Park

When the Namma Nimma Cycle Foundation (NNCF), in association with Karnataka State Department of Horticulture, established a bicycle station on the southern side (near Hudson Circle) of Cubbon Park a few years ago, they were sure that it was just the first of several to come. But, covid put paid to these hopes.

The NNCF has been so far able to maintain more than 30 bicycles and employ two people at its station that provide bicycles for visitors on hire. The plan to one or two bicycle stations at different locations of the park has not yet been realised.

"We are planning to open a bicycle station on the northern side of Cubbon Park, near the Metro station. We are in talks with a few companies who want to sponsor it under their corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative. Nothing has been finalised till now," NNCF Chief Executive Officer Murali HR said. He said maintenance of a bicycle station would be difficult without support from corporates. "The existing bicycle station was supported by Discovery Village," he said, adding that the bicycle station is open during the weekends. Visitors have to produce ID cards (Aadhaar or driving licence) and pay Rs 25 for two hours' use.

Many visitors to Cubbon Park, however, had no idea of the existence of such a bicycle station. When told, they were all for more bicycle stations. "Having more bicycle stations will be of great help to the visitors who want to visit important locations in the park. Opening a bicycle station near Metro Station is a good idea. The visitors who use bicycles should consider it as their own," said Dr Ali Poonawala, known as the bicycle man of Bangalore.

> **The parking lot behind Venkatappa Art Gallery, Main Gate, CCD Gate, Bal Bhavan, High Court, Press Club and Hudson Circle are ideal spaces for cycle stations**
> –Vinod Jacob, NBF

Describing cycling as a pure form of transport, Namma Bengaluru Foundation (NBF) General Manager Vinod Jacob said authorities should encourage this non-polluting mode. "Cubbon Park should have cycle stands at all its entrances," he said.

Promise after promise for NK Layout's home owners

BDA assures Petitions Committee that development work will be expedited

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The Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) has once again assured hopeful home-owners that developmental work currently in progress at Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout will be expedited.

The BDA on Thursday assured the members of Committee on Petitions of the Legislative Assembly who visited the site to inspect the progress of ongoing developmental work at the layout.

With the BDA missing deadlines consecutively, the site allottees had succeeded in bringing the issue to the notice of the Committee on Petitions of the Legislative Assembly. The committee convened a meeting with BDA officials during the first week of May to discuss the progress of the work at the layout. Later, the committee decided to visit the layout on May 26 but postponed it to June 2.

At Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout, the current deadline to finish the work is December 2022; (inset) the committee members inspect the progress at the site

"All these years, we were not aware that there was a committee to redress our grievances. Today, the committee members visited the layout and inspected the progress of the developmental work. Now, I am hopeful of BDA expediting the completion of ongoing work," said Nuggenahalli Sridhar, president, Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout Open Forum.

"I am aware of the delay in providing basic amenities at the layout to facilitate construction of houses by the site allottees. We have some issues -- including the pandemic -- that led to the delay in completing the work. We will provide water supply, electricity and sanitary connection on a priority basis for those who want to construct their houses here," said BDA Chairman SR Vishwanath, adding that BDA Board has decided to release funds to the BESCOM for providing electricity to the layout.

It is estimated the BDA collected around Rs 2,000 crore from the site allottees by selling sites at the layout since 2016. Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout was registered in 2017 with a deadline of December 2018 to complete all the developmental work but failed to do so.

Later, it was decided to complete all the pending work by December 2021 but most of the work remain pending. The current deadline is December 2022.

However, site allottees are not ready to take BDA's latest deadline seriously as five months have lapsed due to various reasons. "I want the BDA to give priority to provide basic amenities such as UGD, drinking water and electricity. I think the BDA may be able to complete all the work by next March as no work will be taken up during the monsoon," said Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout Open Forum spokesperson Surya Kiran.

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A glimmer of hope for NK Layout site-owners

BM's story on May 14 reported how a dispute between BDA and a third-party agency had delayed the work

The contractors were compelled to stop the ongoing work as there was a delay in clearing their bills for the work done at the layout. The BDA proposed to appoint a third party to audit the quality of developmental work which is said to be one of the reasons for the delay in making payments to the contractors.

"The contractors have already begun the work. I am hopeful of providing drinking water, electricity and underground drainage facility within a few months. Site allottees can begin construction of their dream homes after two months," said BDA Commissioner MB Rajesh Gowda.

Private spacecraft manufacturing, now in B'luru

Aerospace and defence manufacturer in India, Ananth Technologies Private Limited (ANANTH), on Wednesday launched their new spacecraft manufacturing facility in Bengaluru.

This is the first spacecraft assembly, integration and testing facility in the private sector.

The state-of-the-art facility was inaugurated by S Somanath, Chairman and Secretary, Department of Space at Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

Located at Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board Aerospace Park, Bengaluru, the new establishment is equipped with clean rooms for spacecraft sub-systems manufacturing and is large enough to cater to four spacecrafts simultaneously.

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At the inaugural ceremony, S Somanath said, "At ISRO, our objective is not just to pursue space science research and planetary exploration, it is also to harness space technology for the nation's development."

"India has earned worldwide recognition for their space programmes and we feel that the collaboration between government and private players can further boost the growth of this sector. We congratulate ANANTH on the inauguration of their new space manufacturing facility which will open new frontiers of development in space research and help scale up high-tech space manufacturing in the country," he added.

Speaking at the launch, Subba Rao Pavuluri, Chairman and Managing Director, ANANTH, said that since its inception, ANANTH has been an active partner in India's space journey and they have always strived to indigenise cutting-edge aerospace technologies to support the country's security and development.

This new spacecraft manufacturing facility furthers ANANTH's contribution to the growth of India's space economy and Indian government's 'Make in India' vision.

The inaugural ceremony was also attended by distinguished aerospace scientists of India, including former ISRO chairpersons, senior executives from foreign aerospace companies, diplomats of foreign missions in India and veterans of Indian space programmes. -IANS

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Road for no one
Shantala Nagar

Ward 111's D'Souza Road continues to be trashed, mainly by those occupying basement shops in Devatha Plaza, and other citizens. BBMP is apathetic and must be more vigilant.

Litter alert
Basavanagudi

Entry to footpath is full of garbage. This is opposite Basavanagudi Post Office.

Trim the weeds
Banashankari

Weeds have grown all over vacant sites and this is a nuisance for local residents at Banashankari Phase 6, in seventh block, BDA Layout.

Why spare a river, when it can become a dumpyard?

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Empty plots turn dumpyards in Bengaluru, but to see the Vrishabhavathi river, a tributary of the Arkavathi, reduced to a dumpyard is causing the residents of the area much heartache. Rag pickers are seen at the spot, picking up what can be used from the endless heaps.

The residents living nearby have brought this to the notice of the authorities many times, but the area is strewn with garbage.

Vinay Gowda, a resident of Gopalan Olympia Society, said, "We recently found out that the area is a notified dumping ground. There are people living here who are affected by all the garbage dumped here. We are trying to reach out to the authorities to get the area denotified."

According to law, residential buildings should be at least 100 metres away from river banks and a dumping ground.

Garbage dumped near the Vrishabhavathi river

The society near Vrishabhavathi river is more than 100 metres away and though the dumpyard may be 100 m away from the river, for residents of the area it is too much to bear.

Utkarsha M, another resident, said, "The stink is too much. We cannot even keep the windows of our house open."

Another resident of the area said, because of the garbage, the river has become a breeding ground for mosquitoes. "We cannot even go for walks on the road due to the fear of mosquitoes."

Garbage is also burned in some of the places which adds to their woes. Amit K, another resident of the area said, "In the evenings smoke rises up in plumes. I have Asthma and I cannot go out in the evening because the smoke makes me choke."

The residents have appealed to the officials many times as a result of which the officials from Karnataka State Pollution Control Board are trying to build a waste processing unit near the Jnanabharati campus of Bangalore University.

However, residents say that the work for this has not yet begun.

Time to slow down

Traffic police on a mission to make city's roads safer, will come up with various measures to ensure we are not speeding anymore

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As traffic police feels no one can speed on pothole-riddled city roads, focus is on the outer roads

After a recent report revealed that Bengaluru is racing ahead in case of speeding cases on the roads, the traffic police are losing no time in order to ensure the speed devils slow down. This comes after the state government signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enter Bengaluru Metropolitan Region as one of the 28 cities participating in the Bloomberg Philanthropies Initiatives for Global Road Safety (BIGRS) to improve road safety globally.

The government-led initiative is supported by many global road safety experts with technical support to implement evidence-based interventions to prevent road crashes and reduce deaths and injuries. One of the crucial elements of the Initiative is to support the government to manage speeds effectively through various proven strategies.

According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), the distance travelled during the driver's reaction time increases as speed increases. The distance needed to stop increases as speed increases. For instance, when traveling at 80 km/h on a dry road, it takes around 22 metres to react to an event (the distance traveled during a reaction time of approximately 1 second) and a total of 57 metres to come to a standstill. At 50 km/h, it takes around 14 metres to react to an event, and a total of 27 metres to come to a standstill. Likewise, an adult pedestrian has less than a 20% risk of dying if struck by a car traveling below 50 km/h, but almost a 60% risk of dying if hit at 80 km/h.

"Speeding, a common cause of increasing crashes in Bengaluru, cannot be curtailed by setting safe speed limits alone. It has to be supported with well-equipped infrastructure, with a special focus for vulnerable road-users like pedestrians, especially differently-abled, women and children. Apart from providing pedestrian infrastructure which includes safer crossings and refuge spaces to halt before crossing long distances, speed calming measures like speed rumblers and humps, raised pedestrian crossings, traffic circles, and roundabouts also help in curtailing speed of vehicles. These measures can be immediately implemented by identifying locations with a high risk for crashes and speeding violations," said Chetan Sodaye, Senior Programme Associate at World Resources Institute India (WRI India). WRI is the Safer Street Safer Mobility partner of BIGRS in Bengaluru.

"Speeding, a common cause of crashes in Bengaluru, cannot be curtailed by setting safe speed limits alone. It has to be supported with infra
–Chetan Sodaye, WRI

"The theme of this initiative would revolve around four elements - safer speeds, safer roads, safer vehicles and safer road users," he added.

BM had reported on May 27 that in Bengaluru 596 lives were lost due to speeding

Speed limits

The city speed limits according to the Bangalore Traffic Police for cars - is 60 kmph, for buses, vans, trucks and matadors - 50 kmph, for two-wheelers it's 50 kmph and for mopeds, auto-rickshaws, tricycles, and tempos it's 40 kmph while tractors and trailers will have a speed limit of 20 kmph. However, these prescribed speed limits are often not followed and the road users are rampantly violating speed limits in and around the city, the traffic police say.

As the traffic police are sure that no one would speed within the city limits due to the high density of traffic movement and due to pothole-riddled roads, so their focus is shifted on vehicles plying on Outer and Intermediate Ring Roads, and NICE roads where speed interceptors are stationed and speeding vehicles are flagged down and penalised. Speed interceptors are also stationed at strategic points where all major highways connect Bengaluru from all its sides, says BTP adding speeding is one of the leading causes for road crashes and deaths.

As BM had reported earlier in Bengaluru alone, 596 precious lives were lost due to speedng as per the MoRTH report 2020 released recently. The report attributes 2,993 crashes due to overspeeding in the city. Although the number of road crashes and deaths slid down during the lockdowns as the number of private vehicles on the road were limited, the deaths owing to 'self-road crashes' went up from 144 to 164, according to accident statistics.

Students try to snatch chain to pay off online debt

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The Nandini Layout police on Thursday arrested two students including a student of a reputed college for attempting to snatch a gold chain from an elderly woman in Nandini Layout to debts they had ratcheted up online.

The accused are in their 20s and are classmates in B.Com final year at the North Bengaluru college.

According to the police, the accused had invested Rs 15,000 in online trading apps and suffered losses. They then borrowed loans from loan apps to repay the money and were short of Rs 5,000. In order to arrange this, the duo decided to snatch a gold chain from a random woman.

According to police one of the two BCom students, had invested in online trading and lost money. He then is said to have taken money from loan apps and needed to repay the dues so they tried this crime

As per the plan, they targeted Gayathri KT (65), a resident of BHEL Officers Colony, when she was returning home from a morning walk at the nearby park.

Gayathri passed by a boy and a girl beside a parked scooter. As she walked on, the girl followed her and threw chilli powder in her face and eyes and tried to snatch her chain.

Gayathri didn't give up though her eyes and face were burning; she held on to the chain tightly making it difficult for the girl to snatch the chain. Meanwhile a biker was heading towards the spot. The girl left Gayathri and escaped on the scooter in which her male friend was waiting.

Gayathri then went home, washed herself and lodged a complaint with the Nandini Layout police. A case under the IPC section 393 (attempt to robbery) was registered. The police zeroed in on the duo with the help of CCTV footage analysis and identification of the two-wheeler used in the crime.

The duo confessed and told the police about their debts.

They said they had searched on the internet how to make money quickly. One of the options they found was chain snatching.

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I, Adithyaraju A. S/o Aswatharaju R/a # 36, Shakambari Nilaya, 8th Cross, Opp. Karnataka Bank, Chandra Layout Bangalore 560040.That My name is ADITYARAJU A. is the correct name as per my educational testimonials. But my name is wrongly entered in my passport as shown as ADITHYARAJU instead of ADITYARAJU.A. Both name i.e., ADITYARAJU.A and ADITHYARAJU.A is one and the same. Vide affidavit dated 30-05-22 Sworn before notary M.Shafiq Ahmed Tumkur.

I, VENKATANNA MUNISWAMY, R/at No. 14, 6th Cross, Annapoorneshwari Layout, Varanasi Jinkethimmanahalli Near Mother Teresa School, Bangalore -560036, have changed my minor son's name from VENKATANNA MUNISWAMY AKSHAYA to AKSHAY VENKATANNA, vide affidavit dt:31.05.2022 before Notary K.V.Mani, Bangalore.

I, KUMAR SWAMY Residing, #412, GF, 3rd main, 3rd cross, Chikkamaranahalli, Bengaluru 560094 have changed my name to KUMARASWAMY HIREMATH, affidavit dt.02/06/2022, notary K.V Mani, B'luru

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Landing in water soon: A seaplane

Kodagu district administration plans to get seaplane to Harangi backwaters

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If all goes well, a seaplane may soon make its debut in the state. Attempts are on and the first attempt is being made by the Kodagu district administration to bring a seaplane to Harangi backwaters. This sea plane may be connected to either Mysuru or Bengaluru. Karnataka State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation (KSIIDC) Managing Director MR Ravi who visited Harangi backwater recently said that modalities could be worked out on seaplanes if it is found to be feasible. According to him, as Harangi reservoir backwaters are close to Kodagu district which doesn't have an airport, the seaplane can attract a lot of tourists as well.

File photo of the Sea Otter seaplane arriving in Ahmedabad

According to the Press Information Bureau, the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways is initiating the process of commencing operations of the Seaplane services on the select routes under a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) framework through prospective airline operators. The project execution and implementation would be through Sagarmala Development Company Ltd (SDCL). The seaplanes are believed to be game changers in promoting tourism. As of now, Karnataka doesn't figure in the seaplane destinations. The Centre has planned seaplane operations at slands of Andaman and Nicobar, Lakshadweep, Guwahati Riverfront and Umranso Reservoir in Assam, Yamuna Riverfront, Delhi (as Hub) to Ayodhaya, Tehri, Srinagar (Uttrakhand), Chandigarh and many other tourist places of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh. There are plans to have a seaplane service between Mumbai (as Hub) and Shirdi, Lonavala, Ganpatipule; Surat (as Hub) to Dwarka, Mandvi and Kandla; Khindsi Dam, Nagpur and Erai Dam, Chandrapur (in Maharashtra). A seaplane service was earlier operational between Kevadia and Sabarmati Riverfront in Ahmedabad.

"To provide connectivity and easier accessibility to remote locations, SDCL is exploring plans to leverage the potential of the vast coastline and numerous water bodies/rivers across India by commencing seaplane operations. Sea Plane will utilize the nearby water bodies for take-off and landing and thus connect those places in a much economical way as conventional airport infrastructure like a runway and terminal buildings are not required for seaplane operations. The seaplanes services will be a game-changer providing a supplementary means of faster and comfortable transportation across the nation. Apart from providing air connectivity to various remote religious/tourist places, it will boost tourism for domestic and international holidaymakers. It will save travel time and stimulate localized short distance travelling especially in the hilly regions or across the rivers/lakes etc. In addition to the infrastructural enhancements at the places of operations, it will enormously boost tourism and business activities", said a release from PIB.

To start the seaplane services, the Karnataka government should first floated Expression of Interest for wet lease of Amphibian Seaplane for conducting feasibility study and for assessment of infrastructure requirement with the cost estimate for development. Then a proposal has to be sent to the Centre. The Ministry of Ports has signed a MoU with the Ministry of Civil Aviation for development of Non Scheduled/Scheduled operation of Seaplane Services. However, the seaplane services will be a demand-driven scheme.

Girl trolled after man commits suicide

#HASSAN

In a disturbing development, the parents and the girl were trolled on social media after ex-lover committed suicide in Hassan district of Karnataka. The posts have become viral.

The 24-year-old Anil consumed poison in front of the residence of his lover last Friday in Halebelur village, Sakaleshpur taluq. He could not recover and died in the hospital on Wednesday.

Anil's friends then started trolling the girl and her parents on social media. They held the girl and her parents responsible for the death of Anil. The photographs of the girl and parents have been put out on social media, venting out ire on girl's family.

According to the police, Anil, the son of a coffee planter was in love with the girl, who is also a daughter of coffee planter. As per the information given by Anil's friends, the couple were together for 8 years.

But, after the girl's family came to know about the love affair, she was isolated at home. They took away her phone and prevented her from talking to anyone. Finally they convinced her to break up with him.

Anil, not able to digest this, went to the girl's house but she did not respond to his appeals. The girl's family members scolded him and warned him not to disturb them. They also allegedly pushed him out of their house. Following the ill-treatment, Anil consumed poison right in front of the house of the girl and though he was shifted to a hospital, he succumbed.

Sakaleshpur Town police registered a case and took up investigation. **–IANS**

Make 2 city lakes encroachment-free in 6 weeks: HC

The Karnataka High Court on Thursday directed the designated officer of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and other agencies to clear the encroachments on Begur lake and Subramanyapura lake in the city within six weeks and submit a report on it before July 14.

The two lakes, known for their pristine water barely two decades ago became victims of rampant encroachment and sewage dumping, due to which they have turned into a cesspool. During the hearing of the petitions related to lake encroachments, a division bench of the court directed designated officers of BBMP, Forest Department and Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA) to clear the encroachments.

Earlier on May 31, the high court had directed the civic agencies to bring on record the notification issued under Section 10(1) of the Karnataka Tank Conservation and Development Authority Act 2014 under which a designated officer of the BBMP was empowered to remove encroachments.

The state government had submitted to the court that in the case relating to Subramanyapura lake, the encroachments included one acre and seven guntas of space used for a link road between Subramanyapura and Uttarahalli and three acres and 39 guntas by a slum. In the case of Begur lake, the encroachments include six acres and 37 guntas by private people of which five acres and one gunta was yet to be cleared. The petitions on these issues will be heard again on July 20. **–PTI**

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‘Wanted him to come back, but it happened so suddenly’

Says family of bank manager slain in Kulgam; Kashmiri Pandits protest targeted killings, demand security

CRPF personnel stands guard at the Elaqahi Dehati Bank where militants killed a bank manager in Kulgam

The family of a bank manager, who was killed by terrorists in the Kulgam district of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday said that the slain bank manager was preparing for exams to be able to join at a better position in some other state.

Jammu and Kashmir's Ellaqie Dehati Bank manager Vijay Kumar was shot dead by terrorists at Areh Mohanpora in the Kulgam district.

As grief engulfed Kumar's residence in Rajasthan's Hanumangarh, his father said that they wanted Vijay to return to Rajasthan.

"In small banks in remote places, PO is the manager. He was preparing for exams so that he could become Branch Manager and shift to some other state. We wanted him to come to Rajasthan. But everything happened so suddenly. We are shocked," said his father.

Terrorists on Thursday opened fire on Vijay Kumar in Jammu and Kashmir's Kulgam district.

"Terrorists fired upon a bank manager at Ellaqie Dehati Bank at Areh Mohanpora in Kulgam district. He received grievous gunshot injuries in this terror incident. He is a resident of Hanumangarh, Rajasthan. Area cordoned off," police said.

Meanwhile, members of the Dogra Front in Jammu and Awami Awaaz in Srinagar staged a protest against recent targeted killings in Kashmir. People belonging to the Hindu community employed in Kashmir also held a protest in Jammu and demanded security for members of their community.

Earlier on Tuesday, a 36-year-old migrant Kashmiri Pandit and high school teacher Rajni Bala was shot dead by terrorists in the Kulgam district of Jammu and Kashmir. Over the last two months, two civilians - including Kashmiri Pandit employee Rahul Bhat -- and three off-duty policemen were killed in Kashmir by terrorists.

High-level meet

Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha are likely to hold a high-level meeting here in the national capital on June 3 over the killings of Kashmiri Pandits in the Union Territory in the last few days, official sources said. It is learnt that National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police Dilbagh Singh will also participate in the meeting that is expected to start on the scheduled date in the first half of the day.

> **“He was preparing for exams so that he could become Branch Manager and shift to some other state. We wanted him to come to Rajasthan**
>
> – Vijay Kumar's father

Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla, as well as Director-General of Central Reserve Police Force Kuldeep Singh and Border Security Force chief Pankaj Singh, are also expected to attend the meeting. **– ANI**

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Mumbai drives Maha's covid surge

#Mumbai

A “tremendous” rise in the number of covid-19 cases in Mumbai is driving a surge in new infections in Maharashtra over the last few days, data showed, with a top official expressing fear that the approaching monsoon could herald a spate of symptomatic cases. Maharashtra had recorded 169 new cases on May 1, while on May 31 the daily rise in cases in the state was 711. Of 9,354 cases added by the state in May, 5,980 cases, or nearly 64 per cent, were contributed by Mumbai, data showed. In a worrying sign, the Dharavi area of Mumbai, among the densest urban sprawls in the world, on June 1 recorded 10 cases, taking its active count to 37. **– PTI**

Covid+ve Sonia isolates, Sudhakar tests positive

#New Delhi/Bengaluru

Congress President Sonia Gandhi, who has tested positive for covid and isolated herself, is determined to appear before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on June 8 in a money laundering case, the party General Secretary Randeep Surjewala said on Thursday. Addressing reporters on the sidelines of the Karnataka Congress' 'Nava Sankalpa Shivir' here, he said, “She is perfectly alright and recovering.”

Moderate symptoms

Karnataka Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar tested positive for covid on Thursday. “I have tested positive for covid, after being uninfected through 3 waves of the pandemic.I have moderate symptoms,” he said.

Loss Of Signal

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the road sign awareness of auto rickshaw drivers, two wheeler riders, heavy motor vehicle drivers and traffic police. The students also approached citizens with five traffic signs.

The participants had to guess what the signs represented, and the scores were recorded on a sheet of paper along with their names and other details.

Alongside the two wheelers, a sample of auto drivers also being unaware of the road signs is a cause of concern for public life and safety since the latter is a commercial vehicle. It was found that auto rickshaw drivers have even poorer knowledge of road signs in comparison with citizens who did not own a vehicle.

The consolation is that BMTC bus drivers seemed well aware and had better knowledge of traffic signs. With heavy motor vehicle drivers also faring well, the survey said the best training practices of BMTC and heavy motor vehicle drivers have to be taken up to train the other drivers on the road.

Namma Bengaluru Foundation suggested that driving schools must be sensitised on the process of educating citizens on the road signs, traffic rules and how to drive. It stated that the HMV drivers had better knowledge of road signs though many of them did not have access to proper education.

Namma Bengaluru Foundation general manager Vinod Jacob said road signs awareness is crucial for drivers to follow rules and to protect lives on the road. According to Jacob, the driving licence regulation authority must be more stringent while issuing driving licences.

“We found most of the two wheelers and auto drivers did not have knowledge of the signs. The younger generation also fared poorly which is a cause of concern; more tests, both written and on ground driving, need to be implemented. I would like the transport authorities to envisage a better process to issue licences and driving schools to be checked on proper implementation of driving courses to facilitate better traffic awareness and driving skills on the road,” he said. Sathya Sankaran, founder of the Council for Active Mobility (CFAM) and Bicycle Mayor, Bengaluru, said it is alarming to note that auto drivers and private vehicle owners do not have the basic knowledge of road signs.

“The fact that older drivers know more than the newer ones shows how the quality of our licencing process has deteriorated over the years, alongside the ensuing traffic chaos and increased violations. Council for Active Mobility (CFAM) is working on instituting better awareness to cyclists and pedestrians through its 3C certification programme; the least the transport department could do is strengthen the licencing process to ensure more responsible motor vehicle drivers use the roads,” he said.

Meanwhile, Adarsha Auto and Taxi Drivers' Union secretary C Sampath said he used to organise awareness and training programmes on road signs for auto rickshaw drivers on every second Saturday before the onset of the covid-19 pandemic. “I need some more time to organise such programmes for auto rickshaw drivers,” he told BM.

Melodies to sleep

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According to Shilpi Das Chohan, sound healer and co-founder at Charista foundation, there has been an overall increase in the number of people opting for binaural music therapy because more people are now aware that the healing effects of sound are scientific.

“A number of people are now seeking therapy to cure throat pain, insomnia, respiratory diseases and even digestive problems that are caused due to work-related stress. Many are approaching us to relieve covid-19-related stress too,” Chohan told BM.

Sai Kesav, musician and sound healer, explained how sound waves help in relaxing the brain. “The specific frequencies work on specific aspects of the brain. We try to choose and use the frequencies which work best,” said Kesav.

He also explained how loud music is enjoyable but at the same time it makes the brain feel heavy besides elaborating on the frequencies involved.

“With meditation music, we begin by setting a slow pace with an extremely slow or no rhythm at all. It is quite free flowing. We try to bring the meditating person into a thoughtless state. The main reason behind depression and anxiety are that people have so many thoughts that they lose their thought process itself. So our aim is to reduce the thoughts the person is having,” Kesav added.

Global Drug Survey report stated that 72% of people use binaural beat therapy to fall asleep and 32% people use it to alter their mood. Meanwhile, a study by Neurology India found that sleep related problems affect almost one-fifth of the population because of changing lifestyle, work pressure, eating habits and so forth.

HEALTH TIP: Fermented foods boost your immune system and lower risk of infections like cold because of their high probiotic content

When you lift weights, your body not only burns calories during the workout but for hours after it

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This or that? A bit of both

Decisive people don't make better decisions – new research

I've always been an indecisive person. What to wear, which menu item to pick, when to do house chores; always thinking through scenarios, before committing to even the most trivial of choices.

If this sounds like you, you're certainly not unusual: many people struggle with these issues. Our new research may not be able to help you choose which restaurant to go to, but it might reassure you. Decisive people may be more confident in the choices they make but they are no better at making decisions than the rest of us.

The starting point for my recent study into the differences between decisive and indecisive people was finding a reliable way of distinguishing between participants. My team used the Action Control Scale, a yes or no questionnaire about everyday choices and behaviours. For example, whether you get bored quickly after learning a new game.

This scale can reveal whether a person is action or state-oriented. Action-oriented people focus on action. They are more decisive, flexible and likely to implement their intentions in the face of adversity. State-oriented people focus on their emotional state. They are indecisive, often struggle to commit to their choices and abandon their commitments more frequently.

We surveyed a cohort of 723 participants, from whom we chose the 60 most action-oriented and the 60 most state-oriented to take part in the main experiments. The participants went through a set of cognitive tasks, with low-risk choices. For example we tested their simple perception (whether a cloud of dots is moving to the left or right) and preference (which of the two snacks would you rather eat).

We compared the following cognitive processes between the two groups:
Evidence-processing speed (how fast you can acquire new information); decision caution (how much you need to know to commit to a choice); initial bias (how much the choice is influenced by some prior knowledge); metacognitive sensitivity (how accurately you can judge the correctness of your choice); metacognitive bias (how confident you are about your decision).

What we found

The only difference in the two groups, across all of the experiments, was that action-oriented people were more confident in their choices. There were no differences in accuracy, speed, cautiousness, bias or sensitivity. The action-oriented group was more confident, despite not being in any way better, faster or more accurate.

Certainly it can seem excessive, and sometimes debilitating, when you can't even decide what to have for lunch. Indecisiveness can hinder our ability to pursue our goals. For example, exercise becomes difficult if each morning we second-guess ourselves and deliberate staying in bed.

But our research suggests that indecisive people are in no way worse at making choices. We can process evidence as fast and harness prior knowledge just as effectively as decisive people (and careful consideration can pay dividends when making life-changing choices, like choosing a university or buying a house – even if, as a millennial, this is only an issue in theory).

Being less or more confident of the choice that has been made cannot affect the outcome. It can however influence future ones. State-oriented people are less confident of whether the choice is right, which makes pursuing our goals a much greater challenge.

It is easy to see how this can relate to things such as preparing for an exam, exercising or learning a new skill. If you have low confidence that you are making meaningful progress, it can discourage regular practice. The reasons for this confidence gap are yet to be properly explained.

But some research suggests a link with how people regulate their emotions. This confidence gap might be the reason why some people succeed where others do not.

By Wojciech Zajkowski, Cardiff University, The Conversation from PTI)

MIRRORLIGHTS

Being married may actually help you live longer

Have you ever thought if your marital status may affect your overall health? A study backs this, as it has found that people who are married are less likely to die young than those who are not.

The study, published in the journal JAMA Network Open, found that being married was associated with a 15 per cent overall lower risk of death from all causes compared to singletons or unmarried people.

And those who tied the knot also had a 20 per cent lower risk of dying from accidents, injuries and heart disease, citing the study, Daily Mail reported on Tuesday.

The new study said the 'protective effect' of marriage could also be due to partners encouraging their spouses to seek medical help and adhere to treatment.

Better financial circumstances and healthier lifestyles come with marriage, researchers, from Japan's National Cancer Center, said.

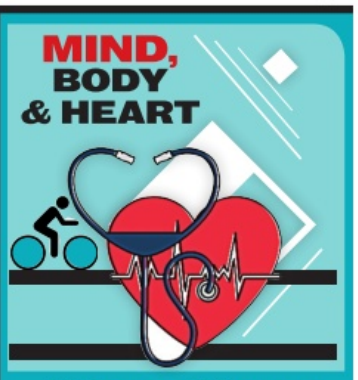
In 2010, the World Health Organisation found being in wedlock reduced the risk of suffering depression and anxiety compared to single people.

However, the recent report mentioned that it is not clear exactly why marriage helps to keep people healthier, but experts said it could be because someone has another person looking out for them.

US experts have also suggested single people are more likely to face loneliness or isolation than married ones. And men who are not married are more likely to drink alcohol excessively, eat unhealthily and engage in risky behaviour.

The results showed people who were not married were 12 per cent more likely to die from cerebrovascular disease -- which includes strokes and aneurysms -- than unmarried people.

Unmarried were 17 per cent more likely to die from circulatory system diseases, such as heart attacks, heart disease and heart failure. And they faced a 19 per cent higher risk of dying from external causes of death, such as an accident or injury. — IANS



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm a married woman aged 38 and I've been having an affair with someone for a while now. He's also married and we both have young children with our partners.
I feel stressed all the time because I feel guilty and don't want to hurt anyone, but I'm in love with this other man and he feels the same way.
We both feel we got into marriage too quickly, but then kids came along and there didn't seem a way out.
We know we want to be together, but realise it's going to hurt a lot of people. Please can you help advise what we do next?

COLEEN SAYS

If you truly believe your marriages are over and you want to be together, then tell your partners.
Carrying on this affair is not the answer and the longer you try to hide it, the greater the risk is that you'll get found out. I think it's better to be in control of delivering this news and to be honest with your spouses.
It'll still hurt your partners of course, but you have to own it.
However, be very sure that this guy you're having the affair with is on the same page. I just wonder why you haven't left your partners already so you can be together - is there still some doubt there?
I would stop seeing him for the time being and give yourself some space to talk things over with your husband and make a plan, obviously with your children's wellbeing at the top of the agenda.

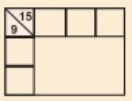
—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

In how many ways can the Offices of PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY be filled with the committee of SEVEN?

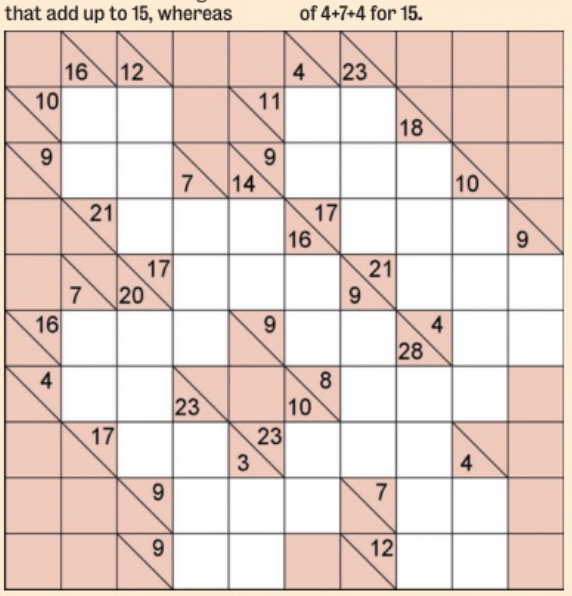
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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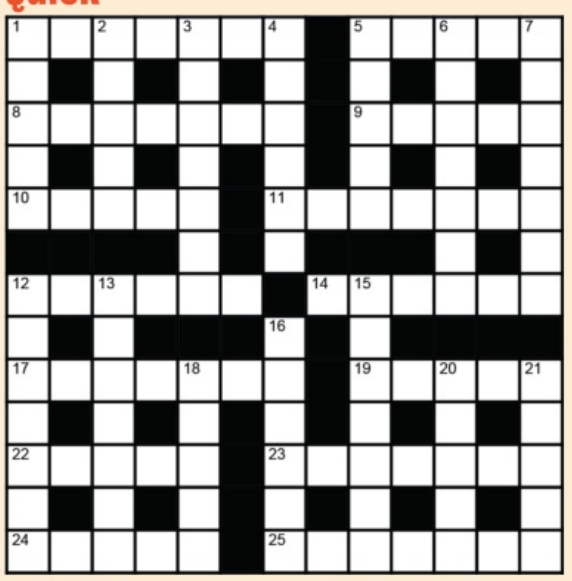


ACROSS

1 Opportunities (7)
5 Like a mad dog (5)
8 Crosswords, word searches, et al.? (7)
9 Former French coin (5)
10 Cults (5)
11 Sound excluder (7)
12 Absolutely still (6)
14 Behind at sea? (6)
17 Karnataka district known for its trekking trails (7)
19 Drained slowly (5)
22 The last queen of Iran? (5)
23 Within the range of decibels recognised by human ears? (7)
24 Drive a weapon violently in some direction (5)
25 Recurs (7)

DOWN

1 Deals successfully (5)
2 Gallipoli soldier of 1915 (5)
3 A keyboard instrument (7)
4 Female sibling (6)
5 Make some allusion to (5)
6 Blind script (7)
7 A ten-sided geometric figure (7)
12 Tranquil, unruffled (7)
13 15th Greek letter (7)
15 __ __ for : supported or sided with (5,2)
16 Oriental market (6)
18 Earthy yellow (5)
20 Striped animal (5)
21 Actions (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Q EQUALS U

KWKNE VURK YK NKRKRSKN VM JDE "VADCO EMQ," YK KLBKNUKCIK CMVAUCT ZKJJ VADC AKDWKC MC KDNVA.

Linemaro

Quick, catch me, I think I'm falling for you

Mindchow

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal

Joke of the day

ANTIQUE: An item your grand parents bought, your parents got rid of, and you're buying again

Loop

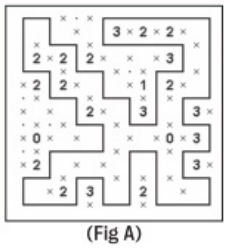
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

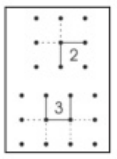
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

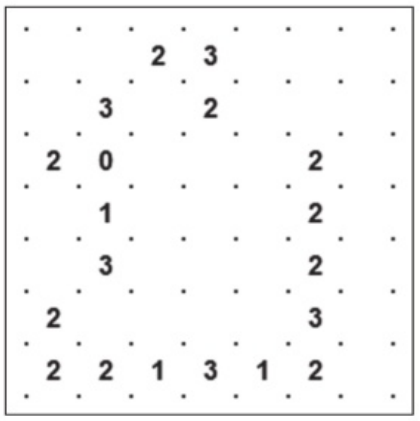
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



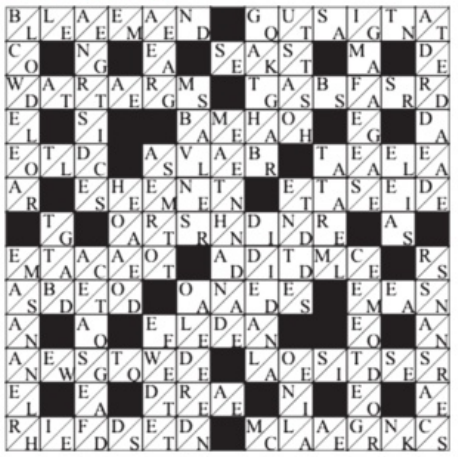
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



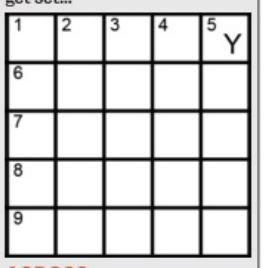
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

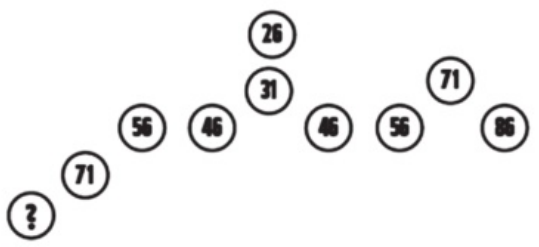
1 Ok Cry; 6 In Zee (1-4); 7 Dense; 8 N clue; 9 Baths

DOWN

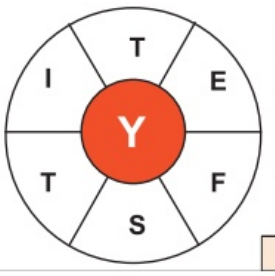
1 Bud re; 2 A Zone; 3 Inch C; 4 Lent K; 5 Essey

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

02 Average; 03 Good; 04 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

		1				6		
3				1				4
	5		6		4		7	
	9	2				3	1	
			2		1			
	6	5				7	4	
	2		1		9		3	
5				7				6
		8				5		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 5
3 8 9 9

Medium = 22
3 4 6 9

Hard = 1
2 5 6 3

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Door is taller. 2. Toolbox is moved. 3. Man is taller. 4. Dormer is moved. 5. Ladder rung is missing. 6. Line in walkway is moved.

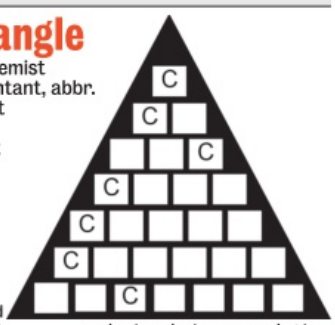
Riddler

This teaser is in honor of man's quest to quench his thirst with non-alcoholic beverages. Can you figure out what drinks are depicted below?

1. Underground portion of a plant + another name for ale.
2. A natural elevation of the earth's surface having considerable mass and a height greater than that of a hill + water droplets condensed from the air.
3. A powder made from cacao seeds + tropical African evergreen plant having reddish fragrant nutlike seeds.

Alpha triangle

1 Carbon for the chemist
2 Chartered Accountant, abbr.
3 Varnish ingredient
4 _ up, stop talking
5 Ship of the desert
6 Quieted
7 Orate



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

GRANNY, I BROUGHT THE STUFF FOR YOUR CHEESE-AND-WINE-TASTING PARTY
HERE'S THE CHEESE
3-21
GEE, MAYBE I OVERDID THE CHEESE PART
Yates/Casson

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

I HAVE DEFEATED YOU, MONTEZUMA!
THAT YOU HAVE, HERCULES, BUT I SHALL HAVE MY REVENGE!
HERE, HAVE A GLASS OF WATER
DON'T DRINK IT, HERC
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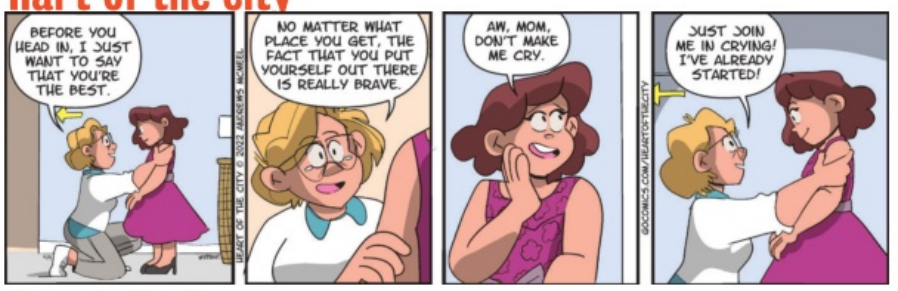
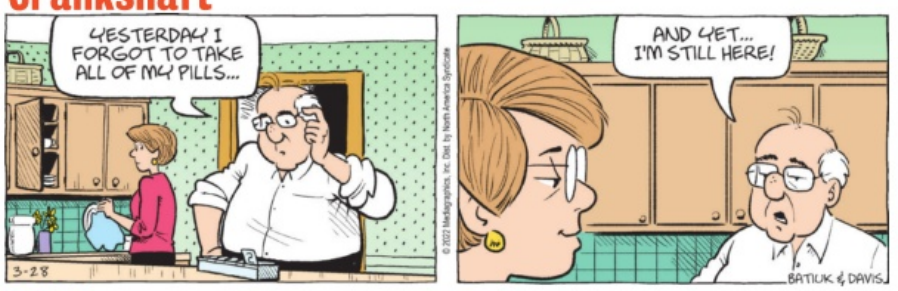
Hart of the city


BEFORE YOU HEAD IN, I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT YOU'RE THE BEST.
NO MATTER WHAT PLACE YOU GET, THE FACT THAT YOU PUT YOURSELF OUT THERE IS REALLY BRAVE.
AW, MOM, DON'T MAKE ME CRY.
JUST JOIN ME IN CRYING! I'VE ALREADY STARTED!

Crankshaft



Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may feel happy. Property-related issues with the siblings may be sorted. You are likely to meet an influential person, who may help you increase your professional network. Your professional contacts may help you expand your business. You are advised to follow your intuition before making investments in fixed assets, as they may prove to be dead assets. Work-related short trips may be expected.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may be busy with family and friends and will plan to go for an outing or some adventure tour with family or friends. Kids' health issues may upset you. You are blessed by the moon; it may help you find ways to get success. Your savings may be increased, which may strengthen your financial position.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may be full of vitality and inner strength. You are likely to make good plans for the growth of your family business. You may have elders' blessings, so you might be able to implement new plans efficiently with the help of your team. Your wisdom may help you make some good decisions, which may increase your social status.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may face health issues. Last night's sleeplessness may make you mentally tired. You may not be focused on your work. You may feel lazy, which may affect your commitments. It is advised that you avoid driving in a hurry and going on an adventurous trip. You are also advised to avoid spending money on worthless stuff.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may be busy in a social get-together; you may also meet some old friends and your network might be strong, which may give you benefits in the near future on the work front. Those related to export and import, glamour, artefacts may perform well. Students are likely to perform better today in terms of study. Love birds may enjoy happy moments.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may have good support from your family members. You may also have witnessed some expansion in your family business during these days, which will increase your social status. You may also plan to have a child, which may improve bonding between family members. Students may apply for some scholarships for higher studies.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may feel spiritual; your destiny may be with you and you may expect good gains from your past investments. Bonding with the boss is likely to be more improved, which may give you benefits in terms of promotions. You may also hear some good news from your sibling. You are advised to control your harsh tone in love and personal life as that may affect you adversely.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may be a victim of sleeplessness, which may make you lazy. You may also become careless and that may affect your inner strength negatively. You are likely to be nervous at work, which may affect your current project. You are advised to avoid making investments in dead assets. You are advised to avoid spicy food , which may impact your digestion. You should avoid rash driving.

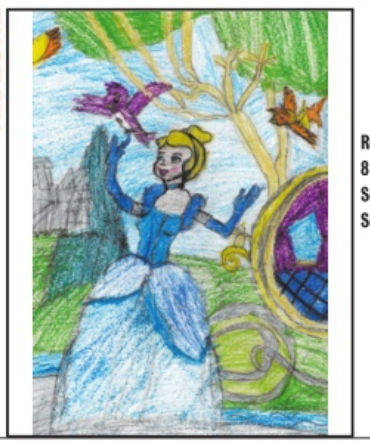
Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you are blessed by the moon. You have some sort of internal strength, which may help you make some difficult decisions at work. Disputes with the partner are likely to be resolved. Singles may expect to find a good match with the help of relatives or friends. You may also have some investments in your business from outside resources.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you are blessed by the moon. Your inner strength may make you confident which will reflect in your way of working. You are likely to get good news in legal matters. Your money that was stuck may be recovered today, which may increase your savings. Kids' health may be good. In domestic life, try to avoid unnecessary arguments.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today with the help of blessings, you may expect to get some gains from your past investments. You may plan to renovate your house or office. You may invest in some intellectual assets like buying books or updating your knowledge. You may also plan for higher studies. Singles are likely to get a soul mate. Those working in research, education, agriculture may perform well.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may feel unhappiness and you may become a victim of arrogance. This may affect your personal and professional life. You are likely to be under pressure. Some detachment from your responsibilities may be noticed in your nature. You are likely to be impatient at work. You are advised to take care of your parents. You are also advised to postpone some important decisions related to work.

KIDZONE



Roshini Sanjay, 8 Yeras, Sophia High School

Rahul L S, 8 Years Podar Jumbo Kids

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
7 people taken 3 at a time=35 groups of 3
Within each group of 3 there are
PS PSV VPS VSP SPV SVP
6 arrangements; 35*6=210 different ways

BULL'S EYE
feisty, TESTIFY, testy, yeti

RIDDLER
1. Root Beer. (Root+beer.),
2. Mountain Dew.
(Mountain+Dew.),
3. Coca-Cola. (Cocoa+kola.)

FAST FIVE

B	A	H	T	S
U	N	C	L	E
E	Z	I	N	E
D	E	N	E	S
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STRIKE OUT

B	L	A	M	E	D	Q	U	A	I	N	T			
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QUICK

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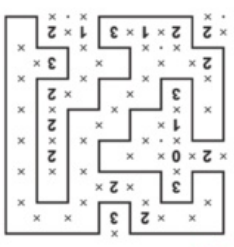

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MENSA PUZZLE
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straight down; Add
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QUOTE UNCODE
Every time we
remember to say
"thank you," we
experience nothing
less than heaven
on earth.

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 # Weinstein's rape conviction upheld by court

A New York appellate court has upheld Harvey Weinstein's rape conviction, rejecting his claims that the judge at the #MeToo trial prejudiced him by allowing women to testify about claims that weren't part of the criminal case

A second act

Depp, Heard face uncertain career prospects after trial

A jury's finding that both Johnny Depp and his ex-wife, Amber Heard, were defamed in a long-running public dispute capped a lurid six-week trial that also raised questions about whether the two actors can overcome tarnished reputations. The verdict handed down Wednesday in Virginia found that Depp had been defamed by three statements in an op-ed written by Heard in which she said she was an abuse victim. The jury awarded him more than $10 million. But jurors also concluded that Heard was defamed by a lawyer for Depp who accused her of creating a detailed hoax surrounding the abuse allegations. She was awarded $2 million.

Depp had hoped the libel lawsuit would help restore his reputation. However, legal and entertainment experts said that both actors' reputations have been damaged by ugly details about their brief marriage that came out during the televised trial watched by millions.

"Both will work again, but I think it will be a while before a major studio will consider them safe' enough to bet on," said former entertainment lawyer Matthew Belloni, who writes about the business of Hollywood for the newsletter Puck. "The personal baggage that was revealed in this trial was just too icky for a studio to want to deal with." Both performers emerge with unclear prospects for their careers. Depp, a three-time best actor Oscar nominee, was a bankable star until recent years. However, he lost that role and was replaced in a "Fantastic Beasts" spinoff.

Heard's acting career has been more modest, and her only two upcoming roles are in a small film and the upcoming "Aquaman" sequel due out next year. Eric Rose, a crisis management and communications expert in Los Angeles, called the trial a "classic murder-suicide," in terms of damage to both careers.

"From a reputation-management perspective, there can be no winners," he said. "They've bloodied each other up. It becomes more difficult now for studios to hire either actor because you're potentially alienating a large segment of your audience who may not like the fact that you have retained either Johnny or Amber for a specific project because feelings are so strong now."

Heard, who attended court Wednesday and was stoic while the verdict was read, said she was heartbroken by what she described as a setback for women in general. "I'm even more disappointed with what this verdict means for other women. It's a setback. It sets back the clock to a time when a woman who spoke up and spoke out could be publicly humiliated. It sets back the idea that violence against women is to be taken seriously," she said in a statement posted on her Twitter account.

Depp, who was not in court Wednesday, said "the jury gave me my life back. I am truly humbled." "I hope that my quest to have the truth be told will have helped others, men or women, who have found themselves in my situation, and that those supporting them never give up," he said.

Brett Ward, a family law attorney in New York, said Depp made himself a more believable witness by admitting to drug and alcohol use and that he could be a difficult person. But he said Depp also ran the risk of making those moments more memorable to the public than his film work. –AP

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–Amber Heard, on the verdict

Orlando Bloom comes on board Wizards!

Actor Orlando Bloom will feature alongside Pete Davidson in the upcoming movie "Wizards!".

Australian filmmaker David Michod, known for movies like "Animal Kingdom", "War Machine" and "The King", will direct the film, which also features Naomi Scott, Franz Rogowski and Sean Harris.

Michod has also penned the screenplay, based on a story that he wrote with frequent collaborator and actor Joel Edgerton.

The film follows two hapless pothead beach-bar operators (Davidson and Rogowski) who run into trouble when they stumble across stolen loot that they really should have just left alone.

The details of Bloom's character are yet to be revealed. "Wizards!" will be produced by Hollywood studio A24 and Brad Pitt's production banner Plan B Entertainment. The project is the fourth collaboration between the two companies. — PTI

Pooja will sit this one out?

Pooja Hegde, who was rumoured to be playing the female lead opposite Telugu superstar Pawan Kalyan in his upcoming film 'Bhavadeeyudu Bhagat Singh,' has "dropped out". According to sources, the 'Radhe Shyam' actress has opted out of the biggie, because it has been postponed, and she cannot plan her dates with ambiguity.

'Bhavadeeyudu Bhagat Singh', directed by Harish Shankar of 'Gabbar Singh' fame, is in the works for Pawan Kalyan, who is yet to complete his other long-awaited projects ('Hari Hara Veera Mallu').

It's risky for a rising star like Pooja Hegde to give her dates without first getting confirmation on her working schedules, as she might miss out on other opportunities. The 'Beast' actress is currently filming her next film with Salman Khan. — IANS

Family, friends & fans bid final farewell to singer KK

Playback singer Krishnakumar Kunnath, better known by his stage name KK, was cremated in the presence of his family and close friends from the film fraternity.

The last rites of the popular singer were conducted at Mumbai's Versova Hindu crematorium around 2pm, just a kilometre away from his home at Park Plaza apartment.

The singer, just 53, died in Kolkata on Tuesday night shortly after a performance at a concert.

An ambulance adorned with flowers and a picture of KK, carried the singer's body to the crematorium.

The last rites were performed by KK's son Nakul, who looked inconsolable.

The singer's filmmaker friend Vishal Bhardwaj with wife Rekha, filmmaker Ashoke Pandit, Javed Akhtar, Shankar Mahadevan, Udit Narayan, Abhijeet Bhattarcharya and others attended the funeral.

Musicians like Shreya Ghoshal, Salim Merchant, Alka Yagnik, Rahul Vaidya, Javed Ali, Papon, Shantanu Moitra and Sudesh Bhosale paid their tribute to the singer at his residence.

"It is a big loss. The entire industry is reeling under shock. He didn't have any health issue as such for the few days he had acidity problem," Bhattarcharya told reporters outside KK's residence.

On Wednesday, the West Bengal government gave a gun salute to honour the singer. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee paid floral tributes to him. His body was taken to the Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport to be transferred to his residence in Mumbai.

KK, regarded as one of the top singers, had not taken a formal training in music but emerged as one of the most popular singers of the late 90s and 2000s right after his debut with Gulzar-directed 1996 film "Maachis". — PTI